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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Mechanism and Apparatus  
for Accessing and  
Addressing Services in a  
Distributed Computing  
Environment

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 29, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.